Proposed Quarantine For Chestnut Bark Disease

Public Hearing Announced For May 18 In Washington to Discuss Measures For Checking the Pest.

Washington, May 3.—The chestnut bark disease has become so serious that in the opinion of the United States Department of Agriculture it is desirable to quarantine New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, Iowa, and Nebraska, or such portions thereof as may be found to be essential. A public hearing on this question will be held in Washington on May 18th. The proposed quarantine will restrict the movement from this territory of chestnut nursery stock and chestnut lumber with the bark on.

The chestnut bark disease is comparatively recent in this country. Its origin is not absolutely known, but it is believed that it was brought in indirectly from China, where it exists also. In 1908 it was found widely distributed in the Hudson River Valley and in the vicinity of New York city. It is caused by a fungus which rapidly kills the native chestnut trees. Once it has been established, it is spread locally by wind, birds, and insects. Migratory birds may also carry the disease for long distances.

Since this disease is proving fatal to the native chestnuts in the infected area, it is quite probable that their place may be taken by chestnut orchards grown for the nuts in areas that have not as yet been infected and from which it is hoped that the proposed quarantine will keep out the infection. At the present time the native chestnut grows in practically all of the territory east of the Mississippi except a section of the coastal plain of the southern states, the northern half of Maine, and parts of Illinois and Michigan. For two years after the tree has been killed by the fungus the timber remains valuable, but deterioration sets in after that time.

"STONEWALL" JACKSON IS SIR JOHN FRENCH'S HERO.

This Sunday marks the fifty-second anniversary of the beginning of the terrible three-day battle of Chancellorsville, Va., a Confederate victory which was also a defeat, since this conflict brought to an end the career of Gen. Thomas Jonathan Jackson, one of the south's ablest and most brilliant military leaders. Although the conflict waged on the Virginia plantation, bloody and ferocious as it was, was but a minor engagement as compared with some of the battles recently fought in Europe, its lessons are not without effect upon the present war.

Few living men are more familiar with the history of the American civil strife than Sir John French, the British field marshal, and he recently told Frederick Palmer, the American newspaper correspondent, that from his studies of the New World's most terrible war he has drawn lessons which he has found valuable in France. Of all the American leaders, Sir John French gives a foremost place to "Stonewall" Jackson, and although he admits that Lee and Grant may have been in some ways Jackson's superior, the latter remains one of the objects of the field marshal's hero worship.

"General Jackson was more like Cromwell than any other leader of history," Sir John told the correspondent. "He was a heroic, martial figure, whose heroic career came to the happy close a soldier desires in the hour of victory. I have followed all his marches and battles with unflagging admiration. He had the religious exaltation of Cromwell, his dash and determination, and his ready strategy and the genius of inspiring his troops with his own indomitable spirit of energy."

It was during the second day of Chancellorsville, after "Stonewall" Jackson had performed a brilliant exploit in driving in the Union right under Howard, upon the Union center commanded by Hooker, that the great Confederate leader was mortally wounded by his own men. During a reconnaissance beyond his main line, Jackson and his staff, mistaken by the Confederate pickets for a troop of Union cavalry, were fired upon. The intrepid Jackson had both arms shattered by three bullets. His wounds were dressed, and his condition was most hopeful, when pneumonia developed and caused his death on May 10th.

On his last tragic ride "Stonewall" Jackson was mounted on his favorite charger, Little Sorrel an animal about fifteen hands in height, though Little Sorrel carried his master through the terrible battles of Bull Run, Winchester, Cedar Mountain, Manassas, Antietam, Harper's Ferry Fredericksburg, and finally at Chancellorsville, the gallant animal survived the war and lived to the extreme old age, for equine flesh, of thirty-six years. After Jackson's death Little Sorrel was ridden by other officers. After the war the horse became the charge of the Soldiers' Home at Richmond, where he spent his last years in peace and quiet, the pet of the veterans and an object of worship. When Little Sorrel was at last called to the happy hunting grounds, a taxidermist prepared the animal for preservation, and Little Sorrel is now to be seen in a glass case at Lexington, Va.

Little Sorrel was not an especially handsome animal, and "Stonewall" Jackson was far from being a graceful equestrian. A Confederate general who knew him well wrote:

"Jackson was an ungainly horseman, and when he rode by the troops Little Sorrel would strike off on a run. The general would pull off his cap and ride bareheaded at full speed past miles of shouting Confederates. The saying was, when you heard that yell before, or behind you, on the march, 'There goes old Jack on his rabbit.'"

A FARMER'S ADVICE TO THE CITY MAN CONTEMPLATING BUYING A FARM.

After buying a farm, he plants his crops, everything apparently successful. The alluring reports in seed catalogues which give facts of what has been accomplished and can be by those who know how, and furnish him with the great incentive and satisfactory assurance of success.

He thinks it best for any city man to buy a farm but do not buy one dozen incubators; better use the mother hen. Be sure you are right then go ahead; if not experienced do not count on making a living the first year; if you do that you do well, but above all things, do not be discouraged.

The advantages are everything in country life—health, happiness, congeniality of the neighbors, entertainment and pleasure of producing something, a variety of work and the beauties of nature. God made the country; man made the city.

The second year you will improve until you do better. You recollect the man who died of loneliness in New York city. The strenuousness and uncongeniality make it so. The fresh air of the country, the exercise in the open air and the health-giving sunshine make a man sleep as the city man knows not of.

The place to sleep is the attic with apertures in the shingle roof where you can see the stars. When you awake in the morning you are a new man. Even if there is a blizzard in the night and the snow covers the bed, you are warmer than your brother in the city in his heated flat as he is the hothouse plant, delicate, sensitive, weak, shivering with every breath of fresh air.

The first thing to do is to provide for the home; fill the larder with everything for winter that is needed. Do not fence in a kitchen garden 30x40 feet and expect the woman folks to dig it up—if you do you are penny wise and pound foolish.

Take one or two acres out in the field, the best land, but not impoverished; work it with the horse, then you will get results. The next thing is the stock. Raise everything necessary for it then. If you have a surplus, sell it. How amusing it is to see suburban gardens with the earth piled up around the plants so that not a particle of rain can percolate to the roots all summer. If one must bank up, hollow out around the plants but nearly level culture is the best.

The most important thing is the compost heap; that is your bank. If you have only enough for five acres do not spread it over 10 acres; leave the other five idle; do your work in time and if the weeds should get the better of a crop plow it under and plant another crop in its place.

Do not get belated. There is a time for all things and the short season on the farm makes it especially so. Crops must be planted in time—he who hesitates is lost.

I advise everyone who can to go to the country, who can get away from the city with its turmoil, air full of microbes, sewer gas, rush, strain, confusion, noise and parasitical life.

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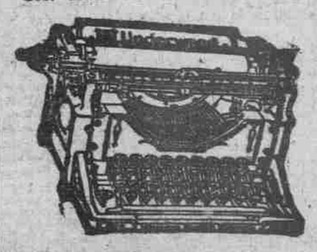

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